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U.S. kicks off soccer-coin contest

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he U.S. government has launched its second coindesign competition of 1992, again with cash prizes and touches of immortality for the winners.

In the new contest, any citizen can submit up to six designs for three coin types that will honor the World Cup soccer games, which in 1994 will be held in the United States for the first time. Winning artists will get \$2,500 per design selected and will have their initials included on the coin they helped to create.

Each design should be "em-

blematic of the sport and appeal of soccer," though simplicity is desirable, according to contest rules. By law, the official 1994 World Cup logo must be incorporated into the design of one side of each coin.

Contest guidelines are available from the U.S. Mint by calling William F. Daddio (202-874-6020) or Brenda F. Gatling (202-874-6010). Deadline for receipt of entries is Dec. 11.

Profits from the sale of the 1994 commemoratives will help pay for staging the games in several U.S. cities and for scholarships.